

Senate File 521 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 305)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a human trafficking task force and an
2 annual report to the general assembly.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 80.45, subsection 3, paragraph h, Code
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~h. By November 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, submit~~
4 ~~a~~ Submit an annual written report by November 1 to the
5 general assembly regarding the office's activities related
6 to combatting human trafficking and occurrences of human
7 trafficking within this state, and that includes the findings
8 and recommendations provided by the human trafficking task
9 force pursuant to section 80.45B, subsection 5.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **80.45B Human trafficking task force.**

11 1. The commissioner shall establish, by January 30, 2022, a
12 task force that shall do all of the following:

13 a. Collaborate with the office to combat human trafficking.

14 b. Examine the extent of human trafficking in the state.

15 c. Identify current initiatives to eliminate human
16 trafficking in the state.

17 d. Identify current services available in the state to
18 victims of human trafficking.

19 e. Utilize research and information available from the
20 United States department of justice and the federal bureau of
21 investigation.

22 f. Develop a human trafficking informational poster that
23 must include the toll-free telephone number for the national
24 human trafficking hotline and that may include telephone
25 numbers of additional resources where human trafficking
26 victims may obtain assistance. The task force shall coordinate
27 with local businesses and nonprofit entities associated with
28 the prevention of human trafficking to encourage voluntary
29 placement of the poster in adult entertainment establishments,
30 rest stops, schools, gas stations, hotels, hospitals, health
31 care clinics, airports, bus stations, and other locations
32 around the state deemed appropriate by the task force.

33 g. Research and recommend a model of rehabilitative services
34 for victims of human trafficking that includes input from
35 law enforcement, social services organizations, the judicial

1 system, mental health professionals, and organizations that
2 work with immigrants.

3 *h.* Identify barriers that prevent victims of human
4 trafficking from seeking legal assistance or medical attention.

5 *i.* Investigate and identify potential routes to eliminate
6 human trafficking in the state.

7 *j.* Investigate and identify potential alternatives to
8 promote recovery, save lives, and protect families and children
9 who may be impacted by human trafficking.

10 *k.* Report on findings and make recommendations in the report
11 submitted to the general assembly under subsection 5.

12 2. The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 *a.* The commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

14 *b.* The coordinator of the office to combat human
15 trafficking.

16 *c.* The director of the law enforcement academy or the
17 director's designee.

18 *d.* The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.

19 *e.* A human trafficking prosecutor from the office of the
20 attorney general.

21 *f.* The director of the department of corrections or the
22 director's designee.

23 *g.* The director of the department of education or the
24 director's designee.

25 *h.* The director of the department of human services or the
26 director's designee.

27 *i.* The labor commissioner of the division of labor
28 services of the department of workforce development or the
29 commissioner's designee.

30 *j.* The director of the department of inspections and appeals
31 or the director's designee.

32 *k.* The state fire marshal of the division of state fire
33 marshal of the department of public safety or the marshal's
34 designee.

35 *l.* A representative of the division of state patrol of the

1 department of public safety as selected by the commissioner of
2 the department of public safety.

3 *m.* A representative of the office of motor vehicle
4 enforcement of the department of transportation as selected by
5 the director of the department of transportation.

6 *n.* The state court administrator or the administrator's
7 designee.

8 *o.* The following members who shall be appointed by the
9 governor:

10 (1) The chief of police or head law enforcement official of
11 a city in this state with a population of two hundred thousand
12 or more as determined by the most recent population estimates
13 issued by the United States bureau of census.

14 (2) The chief of police or head law enforcement official of
15 a city in this state with a population of less than two hundred
16 thousand as determined by the most recent population estimates
17 issued by the United States bureau of census.

18 (3) A county sheriff.

19 (4) A county supervisor.

20 (5) A county attorney.

21 (6) A mayor or city manager.

22 (7) An individual involved with the control or prevention of
23 juvenile delinquency in the state.

24 (8) An individual involved with the control or prevention of
25 child abuse in the state.

26 (9) A representative of a statewide volunteer organization
27 devoted exclusively to ending all forms of human trafficking.

28 (10) A representative of a nonprofit organization located
29 in this state that organizes bike rides and other endurance
30 events in multiple cities across the United States to raise
31 awareness and funds to fight human trafficking.

32 (11) A representative of a statewide crisis hotline.

33 (12) A representative of an organization in this state
34 that provides comprehensive services to survivors of human
35 trafficking.

1 (13) A representative of a multidisciplinary team at a child
2 protection center established pursuant to section 135.118.

3 (14) A representative of victim witness services at a county
4 attorney office in the state.

5 (15) Six members from the general public, at least three of
6 whom are female, that includes all of the following:

7 (a) A professional involved with child welfare issues.

8 (b) A professional involved with juvenile delinquency
9 proceedings.

10 (c) An individual who resides in a rural area.

11 (d) An individual who resides in an urban area.

12 (e) A survivor of human trafficking.

13 3. *a.* The members of the task force appointed by the
14 governor shall serve six-year terms, except that of the members
15 first appointed, four shall serve an initial two-year term,
16 four shall serve an initial four-year term, and six shall serve
17 an initial six-year term. Thereafter, all other appointed
18 members shall serve a six-year term.

19 *b.* The governor shall appoint a new member to fill a vacancy
20 that occurs before the end of the term of a member appointed by
21 the governor, and the newly appointed member shall serve for
22 the remaining period of the term.

23 *c.* A member of the task force may be appointed to serve more
24 than one term.

25 *d.* A member shall not continue to serve on the task force
26 beyond the date at which the member no longer holds the office,
27 employment, or status by which the member had been eligible to
28 serve on the task force.

29 *e.* A member of the task force appointed by the governor
30 may be removed from the task force for being absent from three
31 regularly scheduled meetings of the task force during any
32 six-month period.

33 *f.* Eleven members of the task force shall constitute a
34 quorum and the task force shall have the power to act by a
35 majority of the members present at any meeting at which a

1 quorum is present.

2 4. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall
3 serve as the chairperson of the task force.

4 5. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall
5 provide the findings and recommendations of the task force
6 to the coordinator of the office of human trafficking for
7 inclusion in the annual report submitted by the office to the
8 general assembly pursuant to section 80.45, subsection 3,
9 paragraph "h".

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EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill directs the commissioner of public safety to
14 establish a human trafficking task force to investigate human
15 trafficking (trafficking) in the state, identify services
16 available for victims of trafficking, identify barriers that
17 prevent victims from seeking legal assistance or medical
18 attention, research and recommend a model of rehabilitative
19 services for victims of trafficking, and accomplish other
20 objectives as detailed in the bill. The required members of
21 the task force are specified in the bill. The bill requires
22 the commissioner to provide the findings and recommendations
23 of the task force to the coordinator of the office of human
24 trafficking for inclusion in the annual report submitted by the
25 office to the general assembly by November 1.